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# Now What?

Looking expectantly to see what God next has in store for Redeemer



Now that the South Wing and Peter Turkstra Library are completed and our campus development plans almost fulfilled, what comes next? Obviously, whatever we do depends on God's timing. But with his blessing, our long-range plan envisions three areas of emphasis over the next ten to fifteen years, as we deepen and expand our mission of offering a Christian university education.

First, we will continue to upgrade and consolidate our undergraduate program. The education program is growing, and an accredited social work program is also something we are seriously considering. Our co-op program will also be expanded and

conferences and short courses for those in other professions who may be seeking fresh perspectives and for adult learners who may wish to explore new areas of interest. Distance education could also be an avenue for making such courses available.

Finally, as the continuing education program unfolds, we may also investigate the possibility of offering one or more graduate level programs. Education comes to mind, since a number of courses are already being offered at this level in the summer program. The need to provide seminary education has also been raised, in light, for example, of the number of Christian Reformed students who are now staying in Ontario to study at seminaries other than Calvin, the denomination's own seminary. Business and social work are other areas in which there may be a demand for us to offer graduate courses.

Obviously, if we are blessed with further growth and development, new residences and facilities will also be on the horizon, with Knox Court and a new student centre high on the list.

How much of this program and campus expansion will actually come to be? We don't really know at this point. But you can be assured that whatever we do will be an extension of our mission of offering Scripturally directed education which grows out of a Reformed Christian vision that honours the creation-wide scope of Christ's redeeming work. For the rest, we wait with expectation on the Lord's guidance as we look to the future development of Redeemer University College. ■

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**-Justin D. Cooper**

improved as a means of strengthening the connection between education and employment. Nursing, media studies and international development studies have also been mentioned as areas of need.

Developing our continuing education program is a second possible focus. We want to be a centre of learning not only for high school graduates, but also for adults who may already be established in a career. Using our summer program for teachers as a model, we will explore offering



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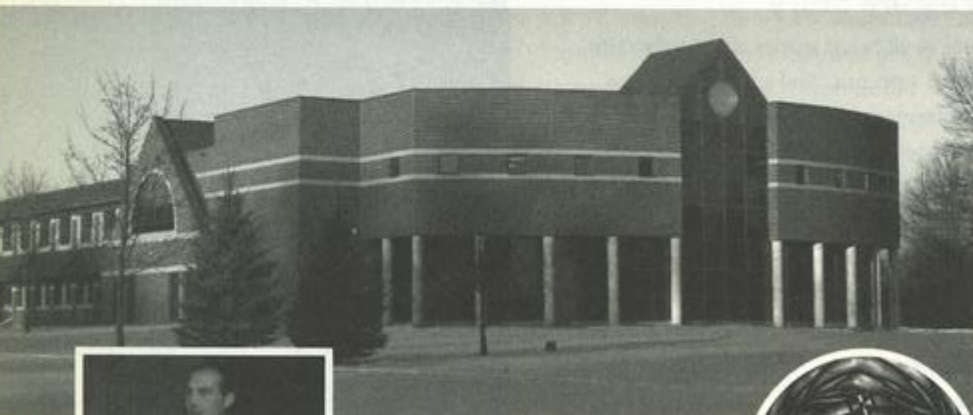
After years of planning and the generosity of many supporters, the South Wing addition was officially dedicated on January 26, 2006. The south exposure, which faces Garner Road, features a backlit stained glass representation of Redeemer's badge, which proudly proclaims the nature of our work and honours the Lamb whom we serve.

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# More than Just a Building

South Wing dedication serves as a reminder of Redeemer's mission



Left: James VanGurp reflects on his family's lengthy association with Redeemer.  
Right: A smaller version of the stained glass that sits atop of the building can also be found inside the library.



A cold but clear Thursday night in January was the backdrop for a warm, intimate gathering of Redeemer supporters and guests to dedicate the new South Wing addition including the Peter Turkstra Library. The event was the culmination of a series of ribbon cuttings, official openings, and

donor recognition socials that started last fall when the first portions of the 3225-square meter facility opened. The addition is now in full use with student, faculty and community members remarking not only on its attractive design and impressive architecture, but also its functionalities for teaching,

research and studying.

The dedication evening featured music, congratulatory messages from three levels of government and reflections of those who had been involved in various parts of the project. Senior Director of Library and Information Services, Janny Eikelboom, commented on the patience of students and faculty who dealt with reduced or eliminated services and space during the construction.

Perhaps the most poignant comments were made by James VanGurp '00, Vice President of Graceview Enterprises, the project's general contractor. VanGurp lauded the efforts of the construction team and the cooperation of many, including Reinders and Rieder, the campus architects and engineers. But his observation that his family had been involved in the formation of the university as supporters and his own status as an alumnus of Redeemer reinforced to many that this was not just another construction project, either for Graceview, or for most of the hundreds of people involved.

The party, for now, is over. The work and mission of Redeemer continue, greatly assisted by this wonderful new facility. ■



Holding the banner, and minding their toes, were (left to right) President Justin Cooper; Bill Kelly, Deputy Mayor, City of Hamilton; Erwin Wall, President of Trenchline and Roads, the general contractor; and Steve van der Woerd of van der Woerd & Associates, the engineering firm which oversaw the project.

## How the West was Opened

In a unique variation of a ribbon cutting ceremony, Media and Communications Director Mark Van Beveren drove a Redeemer utility vehicle through a banner to mark the opening of Redeemer's western entrance to Kitty Murray Lane. This project was part of a joint development venture that Redeemer had entered into with the City of Hamilton to develop the west side of the campus. As part of the project, Kitty Murray Lane was "pulled through" and paved from Garner Road to Stonehenge Drive, making it easier for students and visitors to access the campus from the Meadowlands area. ■



## Growing With Integrity Capital Campaign Nears Completion

The dedication of the South Wing marked a significant milestone in Redeemer's *Growing with Integrity* Capital Campaign. Since its start in 2003, over \$11 million has been raised through the Campaign; these funds have been used to complete the East Side Addition (expanding the food services facilities, adding new art studios and music practice rooms, and increasing storage facilities), undertake a number of infrastructure improvements (the western driveway, upgrading underground services), and of course, to build the South Wing.

In order to focus Redeemer's efforts on making Christian university education more affordable (see story on page 7), the Board of Governors recently decided to delay the construction of the \$3.5 million Knox Court Residences. With the delay, the Campaign's goal was revised to \$11.5 million – still the most ambitious undertaking since the construction of the Ancaster campus.

"We are so grateful for the incredible response to this initiative," notes Chris Berghuis, Campaign Director, "and we are looking forward to wrapping it up by the spring." ■

### Campaign Goal \$11.5 Million



**NEW!**

Check out the revamped *Growing With Integrity* website!  
Click on [www.redeemer.ca/giving](http://www.redeemer.ca/giving)

## Recreation Park to reflect environmental commitment

The last project which will be undertaken as part of the Capital Campaign is the establishment of the Conservation and Recreation Park. The purpose of this project is to conserve and enhance the provincially-recognized sensitive wetland on campus and to add to and improve the outdoor recreational and athletic facilities and their related infrastructure.

A number of organizations have already recognized the significance of the environmental aspect of the park for Redeemer and the broader community in Hamilton. Redeemer takes seriously its responsibilities as a good neighbour and steward of the environment. It recently contracted LGL Environmental Research to develop an ecological management

plan, not only for wetlands but encompassing the rest of the campus also. When complete, that plan will benefit the community as well as the university.

A gift from TD Financial Group and the TD Friends of the Environment is earmarked to help fund an interpretive trail and park land in the regeneration area of the campus. Notes TD District Vice President Dave May, "Our gift will ensure the enhancement of the educational and community uses of Redeemer lands for many visitors, including community schools. The park will offer a much needed facility which will offset the current shortage experienced in Hamilton and Ancaster." ■



## Taking Faith out of the Classroom

Lecture Series promote a Christian understanding of all life

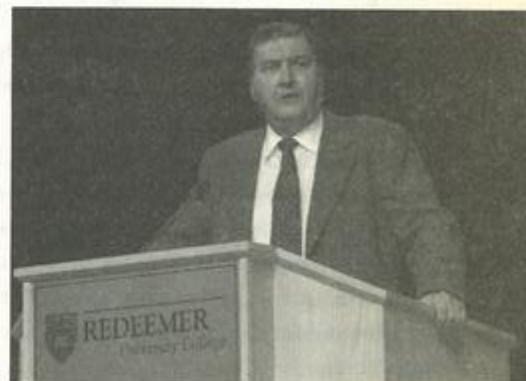
By Tim Van Alstyne '07

Christ calls us to look at the world with new eyes, with a perspective rooted in the Word, and worked out in all aspects of life. This is the message that the Redeemer community heard from speakers at two recent lecture series.

In November, as part of the *Bernard Zylstra Lecture Series*, Dr. Paul Marshall, Senior Fellow at the Center of Religious Freedom in Washington, DC spoke on the persecuted church and specifically on the challenges that have arisen from Islam's rise as a religious and political movement. A former part-time instructor of Political Science at Redeemer, Dr. Marshall argued that Western Christians can and must do more to help our brothers and sisters around the world. In particular, Dr. Marshall challenged the Redeemer community to peek outside the bubble of North America and look for ways to be salt and light across the whole world.

In January, the *World and our Calling Lectures* featured Calvin College Chemistry professor Dr. Arie Leegwater, who spoke on the relationship of scientific endeavour and the Christian faith. As opposed to the notion that science is a neutral, non-religious endeavour, Dr. Leegwater argued for a more robust understanding of Christian faith – one that makes Christ a legitimate and integral part of our scientific enquiry. Although Christians should not rely on the Bible as a proof-text to establish scientific truth, they also need not accept that science (and its methodology) is the only way of understanding God's world. Scientists—and Christians—should cultivate an attitude of humility and wonder while they pursue insights into the creation.

Although in one sense the two lectures have completely different themes, they do complement each other. Both



Dr. Paul Marshall returned to Redeemer to give the Bernard Zylstra Lecture this past November.

Dr. Leegwater and Dr. Marshall have dedicated themselves to applying the claims of Christ over their respective disciplines, namely science and international politics. The Redeemer community has been enriched, not only by their knowledge, but also by the passion they have for seeing their work through the eyes of Christ. ■

## Hamilton: Education City!

Redeemer collaborates in promoting Hamilton's economy

Mention "Hamilton" and most people think of steel companies and related businesses. And while it is true that those industries continue to play a huge role in the region's economy, Redeemer is part of city-wide initiative that is identifying ways to promote Hamilton as a centre for educational opportunity, research and discovery.

President Cooper is a member of the Mayor's *Roundtable on Education and the Hamilton Economy*, an ongoing initiative of the Office of the Mayor in partnership with the Industry-Education Council of Hamilton (IEC). The purpose of the *Roundtable* is to provide a forum for senior leaders from Hamilton's top education institutions to establish and guide shared long term priorities that leverage the entire

local learning system to encourage sustainable economic development. Assistant Professor of Business, Rob Harvey, helped organize the first roundtable event in May 2004.

One of the first projects of the *Roundtable* has been a comprehensive marketing plan to promote Hamilton as

a nationally recognized centre for educational opportunity, research and discovery. Director of Communications, Mark Van Beveren, is part of the working group that developed this plan, which was released this fall.

Having the opportunity to participate in activities such as the *Roundtable* and the IEC not only gives recognition to Redeemer's role in the community, it provides opportunities for the university to give something back—to be a good neighbour. ■





## Making Redeemer More Affordable

After six consecutive years of growth, enrolment at Redeemer University College dipped this year, as it did at many other post-secondary institutions. The impact of such a decrease is felt most acutely at a smaller institution like Redeemer, whose budget is driven largely by tuition revenue.

As they considered the impact on this year's operating budget, senior administrators were determined not to adopt a "slash and burn" approach to balancing the books. "We recognize that if we start to cut programs or services, we start on a path that can quickly spiral downward," notes President Cooper. "If we try to balance the books by reducing what we offer to students, then they have less reason to attend; it becomes a difficult pattern to break."

Although there are some demographic reasons for this development that are beyond its control, Redeemer has also identified a number of factors, such as affordability, that it can influence. "Although Redeemer continues to offer a quality Christian education that is cost competitive with sister institutions," says Cooper, "students also cost-compare us with publicly-funded institutions in Ontario."

With the encouragement and support of the Board of Governors, Redeemer has introduced a number of proposals that demonstrate its commitment to financial accessibility. These include:

- Freezing tuition for the 2006-2007 academic year at the current level of \$11,082;
- Freezing next year's food and housing fees at the current level of \$5,166;
- Increasing by up to 65% four of the major scholarships offered by Redeemer (see page 11);
- Increasing campus employment wages by 3.5%

Coupled with significant increases in provincial and federal student aid programs, Redeemer administrators feel the changes announced will help students and their supporting families meet the financial challenges they encounter as they invest in their post-secondary education.

More information on these changes can be found at the "What's Happening at Redeemer" section of Redeemer's website [www.redeemer.ca](http://www.redeemer.ca). ■

## Getting to know the Neighbours

On February 25, Redeemer was featured in a 12-page "advertorial" insert in the *Hamilton Spectator*. Given the newspaper's circulation of more than a quarter-million, this was a wonderful vehicle for Redeemer to introduce itself to those who live in the Golden Horseshoe.

The insert described the important role that Redeemer plays in its community: its contributions to Hamilton's economy, the local cultural scene, its work with the City on a number of development projects and the impact that its students have through community service.

"This is a great opportunity for Redeemer to not only position itself as an important part of Hamilton, but to share its mission of providing a Christ-centred education," notes Bill van Staaldin, Vice-President (Advancement).

The insert was made possible by a number of businesses who purchased advertising space. We thank them for their generous support of this project. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the insert should contact the Community Relations Office at Redeemer by phone (905-648-2139 x4233) or email ([comrel@redeemer.ca](mailto:comrel@redeemer.ca)). ■



"Hamilton's overall economy benefits from the skills, knowledge and competencies that are developed by all our education providers. Redeemer University College plays a key role in advancing Hamilton's competitive advantage as a centre for education opportunity, research and discovery." His Worship, Larry Di Ianni, Mayor of the City of Hamilton, quoted in the *Spectator* insert. Here, Dr. Cooper and Mayor Di Ianni sign the Partnership Agreement for the recently completed Kitty Murray Lane Reconstruction.





Dustin Van Houwelingen, fourth-year student from St. Thomas, ON drives to the basket in a recent game against Fanshawe College.

## Athletic Teams Preparing for Year-End Championships

The Athletic Department is very busy this time of year. With most of Redeemer's teams in action, the gym is never empty – each team is using any available time to make the final preparations needed before the championship tournaments begin.

Our men's hockey team continues to be competitive in the Niagara Church Hockey League. In addition to their win-loss record, the team is also proud to focus on playing the game with a commitment to positive sportsmanship, striving to show a Christian attitude on and off the ice.

As the second half of the season begins, both men's and women's basketball teams have shown marked improvement. Both teams are led by new coaches this year who are looking forward to building on recent successes. The women are in good shape to qualify for a play-off qualification game. If they do qualify, they will compete at the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) Provincial Championships, which this year are being hosted by Redeemer from March 2-4. All basketball fans are encouraged to take in the action. More details are available at [www.redeemer.ca/athletics](http://www.redeemer.ca/athletics).

In volleyball, the Royals teams have been playing extremely well and have outstanding records to show for it. Although they have a tough schedule ahead of them, both teams are competing for first place in their respective divisions. Check the website for results and details on Redeemer's participation in the OCAA championship tournament.

The season is just about to begin for the men's and women's indoor soccer teams. As part of the qualification process for the OCAA Championships, the teams will travel to Scarborough and Vaughan for tournaments this winter. ■

## A New Direction for Redeemer's Alumni Choir

The Redeemer Alumni Choir has taken a different format this year. For the first time, Dr. Christian Teeuwsen held auditions for the choir, with an ear to creating an ensemble that would match a repertoire specific to Lent and Easter.

That sound of the season will be heard when the Alumni Cantori, as this ensemble is called, presents *Images of Christ*, a concert that reflects on: The Coming of Christ; The Words of Christ; The Passion of Christ; and The Reign of Christ.

The concert will feature Bach's Cantata (BWV#4) *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, and include works by Bruckner, Mozart, and Stravinsky. The 18-voice Alumni Cantori will be joined by violins, viola and harpsichord, all under the direction of Dr. Teeuwsen.

The concert will be held on April 2 at 4:00 pm at the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, 116 MacNab Street South in Hamilton. A free-will offering will be taken. ■



# COMING EVENTS

All events held on Redeemer's campus at 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster unless otherwise noted. For tickets or more information, please call the Box Office at 905-648-2139 x4211.

Mar → Mar  
**21** → **25** NZR

The spring mainstage performance, directed by Tom Carson. This is a collective theatre piece exploring the nature of power, greed and absolute truth. A preview performance will take place on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm**, and there is a matinee performance on **Wednesday, March 22 at 12:00 pm**. The three evening performances will be on **March 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 pm**.



Tickets are \$12.00, Students/Seniors \$10.00. Matinee and Preview performances are \$6.00.

Mar  
**30** Ross Leckie & Peter Sanger  
Poetry Reading

Poetry Reading featuring Ross Leckie and Peter Sanger, **4:15pm** in the Redeemer Boardroom. Presented in cooperation with the Canada Council for the Arts.

Ross Leckie was born in Lachine, Quebec and he is currently the Director of Creative Writing at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Peter Sanger lives on a farm in South Maitland, Nova Scotia, and has published five collections of poetry, including *Earth Moth* (1991) and *Ironworks* (2001).

Apr  
**2** Images of Christ

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Apr  
**7** Sing Into Spring

Redeemer University College Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen, will be presenting "Sing into Spring." This concert, featuring repertoire from the Choir's Spring 2006 tour, will take place at **8:00 pm** in the auditorium.

Tickets are \$16.00, or \$13.00 for Students/Seniors.

Apr  
**12** Closing Convocation

Friends and supporters are invited to join Redeemer in officially closing the 2005-06 academic year. The guest speaker, as chosen by the graduating class, will be Assistant Professor of Education, Dr. Jo Kuyvenhoven. **11:00 am** in the Auditorium.

May  
**27** Graduation Ceremony

Celebrate the Class of 2006 at Redeemer's 22nd Convocation ceremony at **2:00 pm**. Featured speaker is Dr. Ian Hunter, Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Western Ontario. A very limited number of tickets are available. Please contact the Registrar's Office for more information at 905-648-2139 x4449.



# ON THEIR OWN

A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, is leaning on a glass display case. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The display case contains various sports items, including a pair of black and white ice skates on the left and a baseball glove with a baseball on the right. The background is a blurred indoor setting with shelves and lights.

Alumni entrepreneurs from a variety of backgrounds find success and satisfaction in starting their own business

By Angela Reitsma Bick '01



It's Reading Break, and several events suddenly seem closer for this year's graduating class: commencement in May, the job market in June, and the end of OSAP's grace period in October. Now's the time to grapple with all those pesky questions that can stump any Redeemer student. . . what's my major good for, anyway? Why did I get a Liberal Arts degree? And how can I find a job that I love without compromising my faith, without returning to school, and without starving to death in order to pay back my student loans? A handful of Redeemer alumni found one way to answer all those questions: they became entrepreneurs.

### Redeemer's Entrepreneurial Alumni

"Over half of the business students at Redeemer have either grown up in a family with its own business or have a close relative who runs their own business. This concentration of entrepreneurial talent is really quite remarkable, and many of our graduates have carried on this tradition by starting businesses of their own," reports Business Professor Rob Harvey. **John DeVries '90** is one example. He currently uses his Business major as a partner in a Chartered Accountants firm called Brownlow and Associates, where he helps other entrepreneurs review their financial situation and make plans for the future. **Chris Groot '99** (pictured left) is another example; he is the co-founder of ITSportsNet, an organization that provides online sport management software services to community sports programs. Both DeVries and Groot have been able to apply the theories they learned in Redeemer's Business courses to the process of starting their own businesses.

Stephanie **Cilia VanderMeulen '99**, on the other hand, comes from outside of the Business program. She was an English major who started a freelance editing and writing business called Word for Word. She copy-edits and writes for various independent clients, businesses, magazines, journals and publishing houses. She enjoys the flexibility of working from home and being able to determine her own hours. The challenges of the job market also seem to have encouraged VanderMeulen's entrepreneurial efforts; as she says, "It's tougher to find a good job than I'd

ever imagined. I had this idea that with my education, the next natural step was a relevant, well-paying job. Not so. [...] That's what prompted me to start my own business and truly apply what I had spent five years hoping I'd do 'for real.'"

According to **Hank de Jong '99**, the Executive Director of Worldwide Christian Schools, "So much of business is natural, God-given gifts." Perhaps this is one of the reasons VanderMeulen's company has been successful, despite her focus on English at Redeemer. For de Jong, there are many similarities between working for a non-profit organization and owning one's own business. As a double major in Sociology and

Psychology, he says that the Redeemer motto, "Learning is for Serving," taught him more than any business course. Today, de Jong enacts that motto in his work for Worldwide Christian Schools, an organization that

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provides education to developing countries and simultaneously creates opportunities for evangelism. de Jong "love[s] being used by God to be an active participant in the growing and developing of His Kingdom. I am convinced that, with God's blessing, we can make a difference through Christian education."

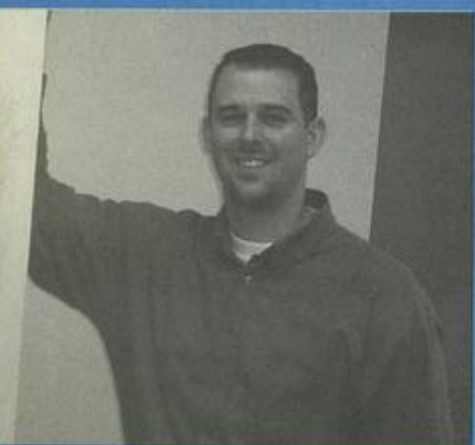
### Prepared to Serve

Many students wonder about the benefits of a liberal arts degree, and whether or not Redeemer provides adequate preparation for interested entrepreneurs. If you ask de Jong this question, which is also answered on Redeemer's Business Department website (<http://business.redeemer.ca>), he will respond with a story. "Ironically," de Jong explains, "Redeemer best prepared me by having such a high tuition rate!" Hoping





Entrepreneurs come from a variety of programs: Business major John DeVries (top) is a Chartered Accountant and partner at Brownlow & Associates in Ancaster. Hank de Jong (bottom), a double major in Psychology and Sociology, is the Executive Director of Worldwide Christian Schools.



to cover the cost of first year, he started a landscaping company with his friend Pieter van der Meer '99 while they were still in high-school. The business was so successful that they were able to keep working after being admitted to Redeemer, where they maintained status as full-time students. de Jong admits, however, that in his third year he did not attend a Monday class until halfway through October. "Indirectly, I learned

a lot about entrepreneurship while at Redeemer!"

VanderMeulen has similar comments about the value of her experiences outside of the Business program. She did not take any business courses, stating that "profits, ethics, those sorts or things, are all common sense to me. Meeting tight deadlines and consistently delighting clients are not things you really learn in a classroom: you have to be predisposed to them." She notes that she does not believe in studying something just for the sake of finding a good job, preferring to "study something I'm passionate about and in which I have an interest, and thus be true to myself and to my clients." VanderMeulen is grateful, however, for the way that her Redeemer professors encouraged independent thought: "What the classroom taught me more than anything was to think for myself."

While it might be difficult for students to appreciate fully the value of studying at a liberal arts university, Redeemer's alumni have had time to recognize its benefits. John DeVries has been grateful for the "problem solving skills" he learned at Redeemer, whereas Chris Groot emphasizes the role that Redeemer played in the formation of his values: "Through the experiences of taking classes, living with seven guys in a townhouse, and playing on various sports teams, I learned the values of hard work, team work, integrity, perseverance, optimism, community, and fun. It was the entire experience, not just the classes, that made Redeemer a great experience and a great foundation."

Perhaps, too, there is a cultural explanation for this entrepreneurial success. Many Redeemer alumni are products of an immigrant community that relied on hard work and thrift to

prosper in this new land. But these "strangers in the land" had a faith strong enough to trust God to provide for them in an unfamiliar country. It might be that a similar faith is needed to take the risks associated with entrepreneurship today.

## A Combination of Instinct and Insight

Marvin DeVries is the President of Trojan Technologies, a company that develops ways of using ultraviolet light to treat recycled water. He suggests that "entrepreneurship is a combination of instinct and insight. It requires a perceptiveness of what the future will hold." In the case of his company, for instance, a market survey done twenty-five years ago would not have indicated that consumers were interested in drinking UV-purified water. But by anticipating this need, Trojan became a globally successful corporation. Today, DeVries adds, this company spends "millions in R&D to develop products that will be relevant for its customers in the future."

Striving to be relevant is good counsel for most entrepreneurs, even those who do not have access to those kinds of resources. Redeemer's entrepreneurial alumni also have some advice for graduates interested in starting their own businesses:

- "Find other entrepreneurs to hang out with. [Their motivation] is contagious" (Groot).
- "Have money put away before you start so that as you're increasing you'll have something to sustain you" (VanderMeulen).
- "Find something you enjoy doing. Find a mentor" (DeVries).
- "Rely on God's strength, not your own" (de Jong).



## “Christian” Entrepreneurship?

It is interesting to note that in response to the increasing number of corporate moral failures, most university business programs now offer a course in business

in business; and the moral status of corporations. Christian universities such as Redeemer, by contrast, do not limit moral issues to one course on ethics; as Professor Harvey says, “We endeavor to integrate faith and learning throughout the entire curriculum,” for

accountable to God and other authorities. Such a declaration makes it sound as though the responsibilities of a Christian entrepreneur might be greater than those of a non-believer. This is true, however, for Christians in every discipline, every area of creation.

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ethics to help students distinguish between right and wrong business practices. A second-year McMaster student in either Commerce or Economics, for example, has to take a course in Business Ethics (taught by the Philosophy Department!), where he or she will study fair and unfair competition; responsibilities toward employees, society, and the environment; honesty and integrity

“the Lordship of Christ extends to all areas of life, including the marketplace.” The Business Department’s Mission Statement promises to train students to engage in productive work that serves God and others; to be loving, upright, fair, and honest in their dealings with employees, managers, customers, and competitors; to acquire and use wealth responsibly; to be good stewards of God’s creation; and to hold themselves

Challenges will exist for entrepreneurial Redeemer grads, but so will the blessings. Groot, for example, says he “sees God in the answered prayers each month when the bills are due.” Over a hundred years ago an American entrepreneur, President Warren G. Harding, called business “an expression of the God-given impulse to create.” Therefore, graduates, go forth and create ... and you’ll discover the worth of your major, the meaning of a liberal arts degree, and just the right amount of blessings to pay back your student loans. ■



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## Educating the Entrepreneurs

In the feature article, Marvin DeVries, President of Trojan Technologies, notes that “entrepreneurship is a combination of instinct and insight.” While it has been said that you can’t teach instinct, the Business Department at Redeemer has developed a program that is designed to give students insight into launching and managing a new venture.

Entrepreneurship is one of five streams or tracks that are available to business students. In each of these streams—Accounting, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Human Resources and General Management—students first build a strong foundation by taking a number of courses that are part of the university’s core curriculum. All business students also complete ten fundamental business courses before focusing on a particular stream or interest.

Within the Entrepreneurship stream, students select electives such as marketing communications, international marketing, cost and managerial accounting, leadership and human resource management. Their program culminates with a capstone entrepreneurship course that is designed

to help students to recognize opportunities and to develop them into successful new ventures. The course also examines the integration of faith and business from the perspective of business owners, and students also benefit from the experience and insights of guest speakers.

As with all of the five streams, students in the Entrepreneurship stream benefit from experiential learning opportunities. Co-op placements and internships are an important component of the Business Program. Getting practical experience not only gives students valuable exposure to marketplace and work practices, it also gives them the context to understand academic business concepts better.

Another option of Redeemer’s Business Program is the Small Business Management Minor, a seven course minor designed for students majoring in disciplines other than business who dream of starting or running their own business some day.

For more information about the Business Program at Redeemer, visit: <http://business.redeemer.ca>. ■



# RECOGNIZING Student Gifts & Donor Generosity

Even with all the excitement surrounding the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign and the opening of new facilities (pp. 4-5), Redeemer remains committed to making university education as affordable as possible. One mean of doing this is keeping a tight reign on tuition increases – as reported on page 6, Redeemer has actually **frozen** its tuition and housing fees for the 2006-07 academic year!

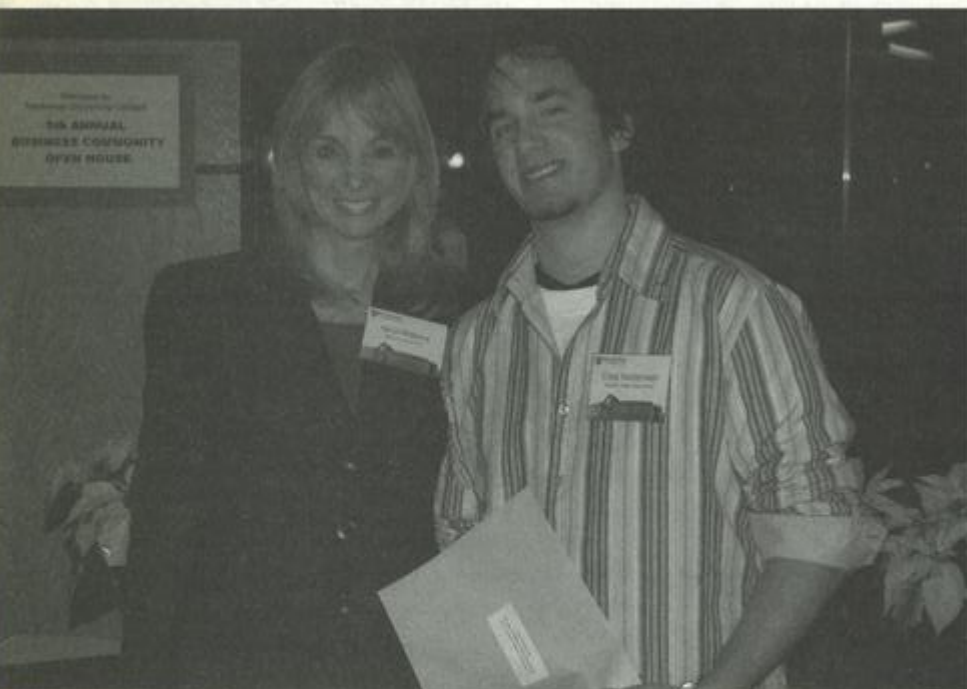
Another way is to offer a generous and diverse program of financial aid that students can access: In 2004-05, Redeemer students received over \$4.6 million of assistance through awards, government loan programs, on-campus employment and institutional financial aid programs.

We are grateful to the many donors who have demonstrated their support to Redeemer and its students by funding **bursaries**, which are designed to assist students who have financial need, or **scholarships**, which recognize academic merit or excellence in a particular field. We also celebrate with our students the talents that God has given them, and are pleased that those abilities can be recognized in this way.

Funding an award like this is a wonderful opportunity to impact students directly and to recognize their gifts. If you would like information on setting up an award or scholarship, please contact Ben Stegeman, Stewardship Director, at 905-648-2131 x 4205, or [bstegem@redeemer.ca](mailto:bstegem@redeemer.ca).

## 2005-06 Scholarships & Awards

- » Alumni Leadership Award  
*James Bloemendal, Brampton*
- » Willemina Blom Scholarship  
*Laura Moelker, Chatham*
- » Brownlow & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Accounting Scholarship  
*Andrea Wolters, Fredericton, NB*
- » Cheryl S. Buiters Scholarship for Women's Leadership  
*Candice Turner, Brantford*
- » Christian Stewardship Services Awards:
  - Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division  
*Victoria Klassen, Fort Erie*
  - Social Sciences Division  
*Kathryn Koornneef, Stoney Creek*
  - Foundations Division  
*Leah Ensing, Surrey, BC*
  - Literature and Fine Arts Division  
*Sarah Gillis, London*
- » Computer Science Dept. Scholarship (NetAccess Systems Inc)  
*Art Smit, Hamilton*
- » Anne de Boer Leadership Award  
*Micael Arce, Santa Cruz, Bolivia*
- » H.R. DeBolster Scholarship  
*Michelle VanHartingsveldt, Burlington*
- » Wm. De Jong Enterprises Inc. Business Scholarship  
*Roman Golovchenko, Toronto*
- » Department of Business Entrepreneurship Scholarship  
*Jared Mosterd, Bowmanville*
- » Department of Business Leadership Scholarship (DUCA Financial)  
*Craig Vanderveen, Carman, MB*
- » English Department Scholarships (Mountaineer Movers)
  - Lauren Schultz, Peterborough*
  - Karissa Koopmans, Peterborough*
  - Amanda Baker, Caledonia*
- » Great-West Life, London Life, Canada Life Business Scholarship  
*Amy Valkenburg, Blackstock*
- » Grin's Scholarship  
*Henny Hamilton, Stoney Creek*
- » Hamilton Spectator Writing Excellence Award  
*Jennifer Weening, Bradford*
- » George Herbert Memorial Scholarship  
*Lauren Schultz, Peterborough*
- » History Dept Scholarship (Mountaineer Movers)  
*Michelle DeBoer, Caledonia*



At Redeemer's 5th annual Business Community Open House on November 17, Karyn Williams of DUCA Financial Services presented third-year Business major Craig Vanderveen with the Department of Business Leadership Scholarship.



- » Steven J. Kouwenhoven French Scholarship  
*Jennifer Weening, Bradford*
- » Steven J. Kouwenhoven  
Physical Education Scholarship  
*Emily Clark, St. Catharines*
- » Steven J. Kouwenhoven  
Natural Science and Mathematics Scholarship  
*Loretta Vanderspek, Norwich*
- » David Maines Christian  
Communications Scholarship  
*Jason Duermeyer, Toronto*  
*David Groen, Troy*
- » Nellie Miller Scholarship  
*Sam Frisk, St. Catharines*
- » Parkview Customs Brokerage  
Business Entrance Scholarship  
*Cara Ottens, Drayton*
- » Redeemer University College  
Environmental Stewardship Scholarship  
*Daniel Brinkman, Chatham*
- » Redeemer University College  
Natural Science and Mathematics Scholarship  
*Jocelyn Martens, Port Rowan*  
*Jordan Ellens, Lacombe, AB*
- » Redeemer University College  
Psychology Scholarship  
*Rebecca McGee, Orillia*
- » Redeemer University College  
Sociology/Social Work Scholarship  
*Sharon Kiers, Grimsby*
- » Thesaurus of Theou (Treasures of God)  
Scholarship  
*Craig Vanderveen, Carman, MB*
- » VanDuyvendyk Scholarship  
*Angela Herzog, Newmarket*
- » Cor Van Dyk History Scholarship  
*Heather Alblas, Ancaster*

- » Dina VanHerwerden Memorial Award  
*Katrina Meerveld, Beamsville*
- » J.J. van Herwerden Award  
*Jennifer Klassen, Fort Erie*
- » Westbrook Group Scholarship  
*Nathaniel Vandendool, Woodstock*
- » Edward N. Zwart Music Scholarship  
*James Bloemendal, Brampton*

### 2005-06 Bursaries

- » A & T Minerals Inc. Bursary
- » Bosch Rexroth Canada Bursary
- » Brownlow & Associates,  
Chartered Accountants, Bursary (2)
- » Christian University Bursary (40)
- » Computer Science Bursary for Incoming  
Students (AGFA Healthcare)
- » Computer Science Bursary for Returning  
Students (AGFA Healthcare)
- » Dept of Business  
Entrepreneurship Bursary (Canadian Tire)
- » Dept of Business Sales and Marketing Bursary  
(Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd)
- » deWaard Family Endowment Bursary (2)
- » Dragt Memorial Bursary (6)
- » Henry and Jane Feenstra Psychology Bursary
- » History Dept. Bursary (Sweet Paradise Bakery)
- » Steven J. Kouwenhoven Bursary
- » Steven J. Kouwenhoven  
Mature Student Bursary
- » Lakewood Bursary
- » Mephibosheth Bursary (5)
- » Sam Miedema Memorial Bursary (2)
- » Milk and Honey Bursary
- » Mustard Seed Bursary (6)
- » Ontario Christian School Administrators

- » Association (OCSAA) Bursary
- » Marco Oussoren Bursary (4)
- » Oussoren Music Bursary
- » Prins Family Bursary
- » G. Renkema Memorial Bursary
- » Redeemer University College Bursary for  
Non-Ontario Students (13)
- » Redeemer University College Mission Bursary (3)
- » Paulus E. Tameling Bursary
- » Art Vanderstelt Memorial Bursary
- » Vision Nursing/Rest Home Bursary (2)
- » Voortman Award (5)
- » Voortman Cookies Bursary (5)
- » Voortman Missions Bursary (5)

### External Scholarships

- » Canada Millennium Excellence Award  
Scholarship - Entrance  
*Jared Dalton, Tillsonburg*
- » Canada Millennium Excellence Award  
Scholarship - In course  
*Jonathan VanSchepen, Brantford*
- » Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship  
*Sara Plantinga, Guelph*
- » Terry Fox Humanitarian Award  
*Veronica White, Oakville*

32 students were also awarded Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships this year. These awards, presented by the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities of Ontario, recognize students who have shown academic excellence at the high school level and assist students with financial need.

## Redeemer Academic Scholarships

In addition to those awards, which are funded either directly by donors or through endowments originally created through donations, Redeemer University College also provides merit-based scholarships. In this academic year, Redeemer offered academic scholarships to 51% of the incoming class and to more than 200 returning students. Although the total amount of those awards – well over \$360,000 – is impressive enough, the amount available to students is about to get much greater.

As part of the initiative to make Redeemer more affordable (p.7), the value of these academic scholarships will increase substantially for the 2006-07 academic year. These are grade-based, renewable

scholarships which are automatically awarded to students. For example, a student with a 77% average will earn a Merit Scholarship, which next year will be worth \$1250, up from \$750. The Board of Governors Scholarship, valued next year at \$3500, is given to incoming students with an average above 90%.

## Redeemer Foundation Awards

The Redeemer Foundation's Scholarship Program awards students for their gifts in Leadership and Academic Achievement. In 2005-06, the Foundation awarded 40 students a total of almost \$100,000 in awards that recognize their gifts in leadership or academics. ■



## Leaving no Stone Unturned: Van Dyke Cataloging Kuyper at Princeton

For some years now, there has been a revival of the study of Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920). The thought and career of this Reformed thinker and Neocalvinist statesman are enjoying a groundswell of interest, consultation and publication, not just in his native country of the Netherlands, but just as much, if not more so, in North America.

For example, the Work Research Foundation under Dr. Gideon Strauss (a part-time instructor of Philosophy at Redeemer), and before that Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship, have called attention to Kuyper's intensely relevant doctrine of sphere-sovereignty. In 1998, Professor James Bratt of Calvin College produced a voluminous Kuyper Reader and is today working on a full-length biography of the man. At Calvin Seminary, former Redeemer professor of Religion and Theology Dr. John Bolt is continuing to publish studies on Kuyper's "public theology." And



The renewed interest in the work and influence of Abraham Kuyper is mirrored at Redeemer in, for example, the popularity of Kuyper's Café, a student group examining worldview issues.

Princeton Theological Seminary recently purchased the entire library of the late Kuyper biographer George Puchinger, to be made accessible in the "Kuyper Room" (which is located next to the

"Karl Barth Room").

Count Professor of History (Emeritus), Dr. Harry Van Dyke, as one of the participants in this revival. Van Dyke had many fascinating conversations with Puchinger when both were living in Amsterdam. When Van Dyke learned about the arrival, lock-stock-and-barrel, of the books that once belonged to Puchinger, he contacted the Kuyper Center in Princeton, New Jersey, to offer his services in cataloging the many Dutch books of the collection, and to set up a database for Kuyper research.

Van Dyke has been greatly enjoying his stay at Princeton, the site of Kuyper's influential Stone Lecture Series in 1898. "The richness of Kuyperiana is just overwhelming," he says. "It takes us back to the vibrant spiritual source from which our Redeemer College sprang. Every day I have the privilege of leafing through the books and articles by and about this great man of God." ■

## Organizing Tournaments and Organized Religion

Byl authors books on the administration and accommodation of sport

As tournament director, you are responsible for organizing the year-end championship tournament for your town's church softball league. There are 13 teams, some are good, others well, not so good; multiple fields; one day to complete all the games, and a league by-law that states each team must be guaranteed two games. People are looking to you to organize a tournament that is competitive and enjoyable for all the teams, no matter what their ability level happens to be.

Although it seems a daunting task, Dr. John Byl, Professor of Physical Education at Redeemer, has created a wonderful resource to save you from a winter of ribbing from your ecclesiastical colleagues. The Third Edition of *Organizing Successful Tournaments*, recently published by Human Kinetics, is a comprehensive guide to organizing any kind of tournament. The book describes the advantages and disadvantages of a number of different tournament formats, and includes a CD

with over 1000 schedule templates. **Christine Westra Mantel '01** was most helpful in preparing the CD template.

Dr. Byl authored a chapter in another book that was published last year by Human Kinetics: *Introduction to Recreation and Leisure*. In it, Dr. Byl contributed an article that surveys the way different faith traditions perceive recreational activities and the role that religious organizations have in promoting recreational activities.

Two Redeemer alumnae are also featured in the book as Outstanding Graduates. **Annette Bax Keep '01** and **Christina Hogeterp Vugteveen '96**, both of whom have careers in recreation, discuss how their background and experiences led to their vocations, and give advice to undergraduates wishing to pursue a career in the field.

Both of these books are available at the Redeemer Campus Bookstore, or through [HumanKinetics.com](http://HumanKinetics.com). ■



## From the Ivory Tower to the Shop Floor

### Supporting the skilled trades in Hamilton

**S**killed Trades is not a phrase one would normally associate with Redeemer University College. However, last summer Rob Harvey, a professor in the Business Department, worked with the Skilled Trades Alliance to develop and evaluate options to position the organization in the future. The Skilled Trades Alliance is a coalition of stakeholders including businesses, government agencies, educators and labour which actively promotes and works to strengthen the skilled trades in Hamilton. It is estimated that 85,000 direct and indirect jobs in Hamilton can be attributed to skilled trades across the service, motive power, construction and industrial sectors. The potential shortage of tradespeople in the near future due to the expected wave of retirees has significant implications for the local Hamilton economy.

The project mapped out the services of all of those organizations which provide linkages between supply-side stakeholders (including school boards and apprentices), and demand-side stakeholders (such as businesses and

trade associations). Based on this analysis, the Skilled Trades Alliance developed and evaluated a series of options. The results of this study were presented to alliance members in October.

The Skilled Trades Alliance ([www.skilledtrades.ca](http://www.skilledtrades.ca)) is an initiative of the Industry-Education Council (IEC). One of the primary goals of the IEC is to be a leader in school-work transition, and it supports the many paths that students take as they make that transition. For example, students may join the workforce directly from high school, through apprenticeship programs, or after first completing a course of study at community college or university. The IEC also has programs and events targeting at-risk high school students, as well as encouraging life-long learning. Redeemer University College has long been involved in this broad-based community initiative – Professor Harvey represents Redeemer on the IEC Board, and for the past few years, its Hamilton *School-Work Transition Conference* has been hosted by Redeemer. ■



Through his work with the Industry-Education Council of Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Business Rob Harvey has helped develop a work plan to advance the skilled trades in Hamilton.

## Writing Specialist Needed

The Department of English invites applications for a part-time Writing Specialist to supervise our Writing Centre an average of three days each week from mid-August to mid-May. The successful candidate will have at minimum an M.A. in English and experience in teaching expository writing (including grammar) at the university or senior secondary school level. Duties will include administering an entrance writing examination, teaching two sections (one per term) of

ENG 101 (Composition), conducting essay-writing workshops, offering other remedial instruction in a tutorial setting and supervising the work of student tutors and proofreaders.

For more information on this position, please visit [www.redeemer.ca/openings.html](http://www.redeemer.ca/openings.html), or contact Dr. Jacob P. Ellens, Vice-President (Academic) by email at [jellens@redeemer.ca](mailto:jellens@redeemer.ca). The deadline for applications is 31 March 2006 or until the position is filled. ■



# Storytelling for Shalom

Redeemer faculty and students promote literacy through unique in-school program

By Amy Binder '06

From September 22-24, 2005, five Redeemer professors attended a seminar entitled *Spirituality, Justice and Pedagogy*, sponsored by the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. The conference attendees heard from faculty from across the U.S. and elsewhere who are bringing about social change in their local communities by empowering people to develop their own voice, history and heritage. For example, university students have recorded oral histories of a coal mining community in West Virginia; in another initiative, students provide theatre performances for Spanish-speaking immigrants in Allentown, PA. Hearing these stories, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Sharon Klassen, long a proponent of showing rather than telling, began to think of ways that these ideas could be applied in Hamilton.

For Klassen, theatre has always been an ideal medium for promoting social justice. Because the audience is drawn into the story, and can see an embodiment of the playwright's message on stage (rather than simply reading it), theatre can be a powerful tool for change. Drawing on this philosophy, and on the works of Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, who has written and spoken about teaching for justice, Klassen came up with an idea. With help from fellow faculty, and with a small grant from Redeemer, she put together a program that involves theatre, education, and storytelling to reach out to the wider community.

This January, sixteen students, along with Professor Klassen and Assistant Professor of Education, Dr. Jo Kuyvenhoven, began working with close to fifty fifth-grade students, a number of whom are from immigrant or Native Canadian families, at Queen Mary School in downtown east Hamilton. The program sees children write stories, either from personal or family history, from their imaginations, or from their own cultures. In fact, one of the aims of the program is to recognize and celebrate the cultural diversity of the school as the students develop literacy skills in a new and exciting way.

According to Klassen, "the real plan here is to try to get the children to find their own voice in their own way." The children



Redeemer students and faculty are working with students and staff at Queen Mary School in Hamilton

write their stories with encouragement and tutoring from the Redeemer students. Because each Redeemer student works with the same two to three students throughout the program, each child benefits from closer personal attention and support than they might otherwise receive in the classroom. The success that comes from writing the stories also helps to promote the child's self-esteem. Towards the end of March, the children will perform their stories for classmates and teachers, and celebrate their accomplishments with a closing party.

By making this a fun program, Klassen hopes that the children will continue to work at improving their language skills. Since "literacy leads to justice," the program's ultimate goal is to provide students with greater opportunities. The Redeemer students also benefit from the program: not only is it a way to develop classroom and tutoring skills, they also see this as an opportunity to go out into the world and be living examples of Christ's love. "This is the 'stranger in our midst,'" says Klassen. "This is a special opportunity to...reach out."

So far, Klassen and the staff at Queen Mary are pleased by the overall response of the elementary students, and the Redeemer students. Plans are already underway to make this an annual program. ■



# Completion OR Calling?

## Reflections on Mandatory Retirement

By Dr. Theo Plantinga, Professor of Philosophy

Some years ago I read a book whose exact title now escapes me (I must be getting old!). As I recall, the title posed an interesting question, which can be unpacked as follows: Is dying something we *must* do or something we *may* do?

This question sits in the back of my mind as I contemplate the discussion now underway in Ontario (and also other places) concerning "mandatory retirement." The provincial government recently abolished the old rule that everyone must retire upon reaching age 65. Many hail such a step as the latest manifestation of "liberation," but I wonder whether this new freedom might, for some, discourage them from exploring those important parts of life that might just lie beyond a career in the classroom.

At Redeemer the professors "may" retire anywhere after age 55. To retire means that you activate the pension you have

been accumulating (and which will be larger if you wait until age 65) and receive the title of emeritus professor. What then? Fade away, like an old soldier ("they never die," said General Douglas MacArthur; "they just fade away"). No, the experience at Redeemer has been that retired faculty generally

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remain active, contributing to the life of the university, but on a somewhat reduced schedule that allows more time for research, travel and family (especially grandchildren).

Alumni who remember me from the very earliest days of Redeemer's history will not be surprised to hear that I get a year older every year and have already passed that milestone age of 55. And so these are personal questions for me. I must confess that although I am somewhat uneasy about a "mandatory retirement" policy (you're 65 now, and so time is up for you), I don't like a "mandatory unretirement" policy either (you're not old enough to retire; we still need you).



Dr. Plantinga, one of Redeemer's original faculty members, is looking towards, but perhaps not looking forward to, his retirement. Fortunately, that event is not imminent.

The value in the old arrangement was that a professor in his or her final years had a goal to work toward. He could retire honorably at the appointed time without feeling that he was letting his beloved school down. He had completed his term, so to speak.

But I also want to affirm that as long as the Lord gives us health and breath, we do not retire from his kingdom. We continue to make ourselves useful – here at Redeemer and elsewhere in the kingdom, no matter what our age. That's why I am reluctant to use language like "early retirement" when one of our professors who is not yet 65 announces that this will be his last year.

I hope to teach for some time yet, but I have indeed come to the point where my children are grown and out of the house, and one of them has in turn made me a grandfather. I would love to spend more time with my family. And so I hope our community can regard a retirement decision, like a decision to take a position elsewhere, as a matter of one's calling. ■



# Embracing **CULTURE** IN THE Classroom

Redeemer students develop methods and materials for schools in Sierra Leone

**Y**ou can't use "A is for apple, B is for bear..." when the children you're teaching have never seen an apple and don't know what a bear is." That was the challenge facing Loreen Deelstra as she developed reading and writing materials for use in schools in Sierra Leone.

Deelstra, a third-year French major in the Education program from Wyoming, ON and Katie McBride, an Honours English and French major from Toronto, were in the West African country this past fall as part of a Canada Corps University Partnership Program internship sponsored the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency.

"For classroom materials to be effective," Deelstra remarks, "they need to have some connection to the children's lives. My work focused on developing resources and strategies that are applicable to the specific needs

Some of the students of the Alakalai School get ready to start another school day.



Katie McBride (kneeling at bottom left) and Loreen Deelstra (standing, far right) pose with the staff of the Alakalai School, where 11 staff members serve over 1000 students in grades 1-6.

of the children and teachers of Sierra Leone." Beyond the cultural differences, Deelstra also needed to be mindful of the limitations of a school system that has been ravaged by civil war and poverty. Pedagogical methodology can be restricted when 20 children need to share one writing slate and some chalk,

or there is only one dictionary for an entire school.

Sierra Leone's effort to raise national literacy levels from about 30% was dramatically affected by the war. However, as villages and towns work to rebuild their communities today they urgently work to institute schools. People





hold great hope for the country's future through education. Thus, in spite of rudimentary facilities, large classes, and often untrained teachers, parents send their children to school. They know what UNICEF confirms: One's quality of life, career choice and a climate of good governance depend very much on literacy abilities.

Katie McBride's work focused on addressing the challenge of large classes with few materials. Incorporating the culture's more communal outlook and tendencies, she developed collaborative learning strategies that are applicable to teachers who typically have classes of 60-90 students and very few resources or supplies with which to work. She developed ways of reusing a storybook in fresh ways and developed strategies for pairs of children to help each other learn to read and write.

The internship is one part of an on-going project. Both Deelstra and McBride have created manuals that are being developed and evaluated for use by teachers and schools across Sierra Leone, and this summer, Dr. Jo Kuyvenhoven will return to Sierra Leone (she spent a number of years there before coming to Redeemer) to supervise the printing of the manuals. Kuyvenhoven, an Assistant Professor of Education at Redeemer and one of the organizers of the internship, has worked and lived in Sierra Leone for several years and spends more than a month every year studying and working towards raising the literacy level. This summer she will oversee the production of the books written by Loreen and Katie. After a workshop with elementary school teachers, class sets will be distributed to all the children at 22 schools in northern Sierra Leone.

This project is sponsored by CIDA, which recognizes the important role that literacy has in advancing good government in developing countries. Redeemer University College is grateful for their support of this project. ■

## Worship God with all your...

### CITB host workshops on many aspects of worship

By James Bloemendal '06

On Saturday January 14, Redeemer welcomed over sixty people to share ideas on enhancing worship in a variety of ways. The "Worship and Leadership Seminars" was organized by the executive team of Church-in-the-Box (CITB), the group that leads Redeemer's contemporary worship services. Being a student-run organization, leader turn-over is an issue for CITB, and the group is looking for ways to continue providing quality worship planning through this ministry.

The day opened with a seminar from Redeemer's chaplain, Dr. Rob Powell, on the purpose of worship. From there, conferees broke into more specialized training seminars. The invited speakers had a variety of experience within different facets of worship. Grace Moes and Colleen Reinders shared their experiences of effectively leading a band and engaging a congregation. Ruth-Ann Schuringa '87 spoke on planning worship services. Redeemer Theatre Arts professor, Dr. Raymond Louter, encouraged and equipped participants on how expressively to communicate scripture passages. And Anita VanZummeran shared her journey of how God unfolded the visual artist within her, and explained how she has used that gift to help lead others in worship. All of this was tied together at the end of the day with a time of worship which included music and Scripture readings.

Both conference speakers and attendees found the day refreshing, in part because of the opportunity to learn more about worship. But conferees were also encouraged by the challenge set out by each speaker: to love God and their congregations through the way they plan, prepare for and participate in worship.

Both the organizers and the participants are hoping to make the "Worship and Leadership Seminars" an annual event. ■







"Is that carry-on or will you be checking that?" Some of the Redeemer students who are setting up a computer lab in Belize this Reading Week. They are working with Worldwide Christian Schools, which organized the shipment of Redeemer computers that had become redundant.

## READING WEEK ITINERARY

For many people, Reading Week (or Spring Break) conjures up images of students racing down to Florida or some other warm locale for a week of fun in the sun. Although a number of Redeemer students will also make that trek this year, quite a few of them will also be using the one-week break in the term to go on service projects.

» For the fifth year, Assistant Dean of Students Eileen Fallon will be taking a number of students to Amsterdam to work at Youth With a Mission's (YWAM) drop-in youth shelter. Beyond their work in the heart of Holland's largest city, the students will also have the opportunity to do a bit of traveling to other parts of the country.

» Although it has been several months since Katrina wrecked havoc on New Orleans, there is still a substantial amount of work that needs to be done there. Working with the Christian Reformed Church's World Relief Committee, Activities and Orientation Coordinator Matt Pamplin will lead a team of student volunteers to assist in some of the on-going clean-up and reconstruction efforts.

» Worldwide Christian Schools ([www.wwcs.org](http://www.wwcs.org)) has built dozens of schools in underprivileged areas. Several Redeemer students will be joining one of the WWCS teams in Belize this year to continue that work. The group includes several Computer Science students who will be setting up a computer lab in one of those recently constructed schools, with some of Redeemer's redundant computers.

» Closer to home, third-year student Steve Dykstra is organizing a week-long service project in Hamilton. The seven students involved with this initiative will spend time with a number of service organizations throughout the city, assisting wherever, and with whatever, is needed. ■

## Standing Firm in the Faith Winter Retreat focuses on relationships

This past January, 85 Redeemer students gathered their sleeping bags, pillows and Bibles and boarded two buses for the annual Winter Retreat Weekend at Camp Shalom in Cambridge. A refreshing time of fun and fellowship, the weekend has been a highlight for students for many years, an opportunity to get away from the stresses and pressures of schoolwork for a few days and refocus on their relationship with God and each other.

The weekend is organized by Student Senate's Spiritual and Services Committee (SASC) which works to provide students with activities and opportunities that encourage them to be passionate about keeping their lives centred around Christ.

The theme of this retreat was "Standing Firm in the Faith," and was led by Keith Edwards, the Registrar at Toronto Baptist Seminary. In four sessions over the weekend, he encouraged students to constantly be aware of the spiritual warfare that is always a part of the Christian life - in truth, temptation, trials and triumph. Following these sessions, students broke into small groups not only to further discuss the topic, but also to encourage one another.

Throughout the semester, members of these small groups will often get together to reminisce about the weekend, develop the relationships begun, and to encourage each other to remain firm in their faith. ■



# Grad School 101

Alumni panelists share their post-Redeemer academic experiences

By Josie Loewen '06



Todd Adamowich shares some of his experiences with Kristina Kuehnle '08 after the Graduate School Social. Panelists, and other graduates, often make themselves available to talk with current students, acting as a valuable resource as they ponder their career.

Redeemer alumni figured prominently in two recent events that gave current students the opportunity to hear for themselves what to expect if they are contemplating graduate-level studies. On January 12, Deborah Bowen and the English Department hosted a Graduate School Panel Discussion which featured English graduates, **Angela Reitsma Bick '01**, **James Brink '01**, **Erin Goheen '03**, and **Jeff Stacey '03**. The alumni panelists responded to specific questions and offered their advice to the undergraduates on topics such as how to sort through different worldviews, the differences between the Christian environment at Redeemer and the secular environment, study habits, courses, and program requirements at public graduate schools.

A similar discussion panel was part of the annual Graduate School Seminar, hosted by Student Life and the Alumni Office on January 24. A cross-disciplinary event, the Seminar included a primer on the different types of graduate schools and the resources that are available to students from Redeemer's Career Services Department. The panel also reflected a broad scope of experiences: **Todd Adamowich '05**, is pursuing a Masters of Social Work at Wilfred Laurier University; **Shannon Spike '02** has recently completed a Masters of Arts in Political Science at the University of Guelph, and **Phil Teeuwesen '95** earned a Masters of Education from Brock University. The panelists shared their experiences, especially those areas where Redeemer prepared them well, and those areas which could have been improved. They also challenged the undergrads to be prepared to work, to seek answers to rejection, and to learn to work through faith issues.

Both of these events are examples of the willingness of many alumni to return to campus in service to the Redeemer community, and in particular, current students. ■

## Alumni Featured in Inaugural Film Festival

It's not quite Sundance or Cannes, but Redeemer will host its first Film Festival this winter. As part of this inaugural event, students will screen movies that they have produced. The entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

The winning entry will be part of the same bill as the festival's feature film, *A Friend of Mine*, directed by **Jason Hofing '99**. The 75-minute film – a comedy about relationships – has plenty of alumni content: the screenplay was written by **Vaughn Gowling '97** and it features **Joel Bootsma '96**, **Jen McNaughton '03** and **Sara Weber '97**.

Both films will be shown on Saturday, March 11 in Room 213, Redeemer's new tiered lecture hall, which has an advanced projection and sound system. Following the show, there will be a Question and Answer session with Jason, moderated by THRESH, a Redeemer student organization that examines culture through the eyes of faith.

The winning student film will be shown at 7:00 pm, and *A Friend of Mine* starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets for both are \$7 (\$5 for students), and are available at the door. ■



# GRACE ALONG THE WAY

## Thanh Campbell's Incredible Journey

In the final weeks of the Vietnam War, with the fall of Saigon imminent, one of the many humanitarian missions to rescue people from the approaching Communists involved the airlift of children from the Go Vap Orphanage. **Thanh Campbell '96** was one of those children. His incredible story, and the efforts he is making to reunite the other 56 orphans who barely made it out, has been the focus of national media interest.

It has been 30 years since the 57 orphans were loaded onto a Hercules cargo plane, older kids sitting around the perimeter of the plane and infants, such as one-year old Thanh, placed in orange crates or boxes and held down with duct tape. Any family records there might have been were lost amid the confusion and urgency that marked the

escape. These were truly orphans, with little or no chance of ever being able to track down their birth families in what was to become, for many years, a country closed to outsiders.

On April 17, 1975, four days after arriving in Toronto, Thanh was adopted by Rev. William and Maureen Campbell, and their other children Joan, Nancy, Keith, Stan and Dave. By his own admission, Thanh has had "a wonderful, blessed life," that has included graduating from Redeemer, where he met and married **Karina Koops Campbell '99**. Now a part-time fund raiser and a sales agent for the *Beacon* magazine, Thanh also tours as a motivational speaker on missions, and is a representative for Mercy Ships Canada. But he has always wondered about the

circumstances that brought him to Canada, and the whereabouts of the other children of Go Vap.

In November, 2003, through a chance encounter, Thanh met Trent Kilner, one of the other children brought over on the same plane. "It was something I had always hoped for, but never imagined happening," says Campbell. Since that time, Thanh and Trent have been putting together the pieces of the story of their flight. In April 2005 many of the answers came to them during a very memorable



Thanh Campbell shortly after he arrived in Toronto in 1975.

## Alumni Board active on a number of fronts

The Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Directors is continuing to explore and develop ways of implementing the Association's Mission Statement of providing alumni with opportunities to:

- build and strengthen their relationships with the Redeemer University College community;
- use their gifts and talents to serve that community; and
- encourage one another to work out God's calling in their lives.

Some of the initiatives the Board is working on this year include: a major overhaul of the alumni website; designing a new look for the Association; identifying better ways, especially through electronic media, to communicate with alumni; reviewing all aspects of alumni financial giving to Redeemer; and raising the profile of alumni on campus. The Alumni Association's Mission Statement, and the Vision Statements which are guiding the Board's work can be found at [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/Mission](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/Mission). ■



**The Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Governors:**  
**Front row (l-r):** Sharon Timmerman VanderMeulen '89; Natalie Armstrong '06 (Student Senate representative); Monica Proper Mudde '00; Alma Rivera Pittaway '92; Erin Goheen '03, Secretary. **Back Row (l-r):** Kevin Huinink '95, President; Tim Wolfert '87, Alumni Office; Heather Sinnema '99 (Senate representative); Stephen Witteveen '95, Vice President; Scott Zylstra '96. Absent: J.D. Alkema '97; Phil Teeuwssen '95 (Board of Governor's representative).



**“There was nothing I said or did that ‘earned’ my way into the Campbell family and the love and acceptance that awaited me there.”**



Thanh Campbell with Victoria Leach and Trent Kilner in 2005

by Jordan Heath-Rawlings). The story was also filmed by CBC News and aired on Canada Now and The National. Subsequent stories have also appeared

and mercy, undeserved and unmerited. There was nothing I said or did that ‘earned’ my way into the Campbell family and the love and acceptance that awaited me there. In that way, it is similar to finding our place in the family of God.” It’s a story that he now also enjoys sharing with many people.

Trent and Thanh are hoping that many of the 57 orphans, families, volunteers and friends who were involved with the airlift will be able to take part in a very special reunion being planned for April 2006 in Oakville, Ontario. Those who are interested in having Thanh speak of his experiences at a church or school event, or who would like to learn more about the reunion, should contact him at [orphans75@gmail.com](mailto:orphans75@gmail.com) or visit [www.57orphans.ca](http://www.57orphans.ca). ■

reunion with Victoria Leach, who was in charge of adoptions for the Children’s Aid Society at the time of the airlift.

That meeting, and the story behind it, was covered in a feature article in the *Toronto Star* on April 17, 2005 (Two Orphans, Two Countries, One Quest,

in the *Toronto Star* and other media outlets, such as the *Hamilton Spectator* and *CH News*.

Looking back on the events of his life, Thanh notes that “so many people were involved in helping me find safety and freedom in Canada. It’s a story of grace

## Advance Notice

The Alumni Board is a volunteer body elected by alumni to manage and direct the affairs of the Association. If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself) to serve on the Board, please contact the Alumni Office at 905-648-2131 x4292, or [alumnioffice@redeemer.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.ca). A slate of nominees will be presented in the June issue of *Images*.

For more information on Board governance, visit, [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/association/constitution/htm](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/association/constitution/htm).

Homecoming, the annual celebration of and for Redeemer alumni, will be held this year on Saturday, September 30. More details will follow in the June issue of *Images*, but be sure to set the date aside early. For information on last year’s event, visit [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/alumni05photos.htm](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/alumni05photos.htm). ■

## We’ve got a story to tell

Alumni are the “product” of Redeemer, and many of them have experienced success in various aspects of their lives. Many alumni are also willing to share with others the role their education has played in preparing them for life after graduation. For example, alumni have been a great resource for the recent graduate school information programs (p. 23). Building on the success of that event, the Alumni Office is working with different academic departments to bring alumni from those disciplines back to campus to share their experiences with current students.

In the same way, the Alumni Board is helping to identify former students who are making a positive impact in all areas of life, not just in academia or the workforce. The Board hopes to share these “success stories” with current and prospective students, providing living proof, so to speak, of the value of a Redeemer education.

If you would like to suggest someone that we can profile for this initiative (don’t be shy—feel free to nominate yourself), contact the Alumni Office, or click on [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/stories](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/stories). ■



# Personal Touch

» **Rob and Marianne '01 Van Gorp Langendoen** were blessed with a son, James Anthony, born August 4, 2005. A brother for Theresa (01) and Tyler (03).

» **Alex '00 and Willena Ramaker van Donkersgoed '00** were blessed with their firstborn Nicholas on October 4, 2005. Willena is on leave from Georgetown District Christian School where Alex continues to teach grade 7. The family moved to Acton this summer. Email: w\_van\_d@hotmail.com

» **Rodney and Kirsten Crosthwaite Glasbergen '03** announce the birth of their first child, Dylan Alexander, on August 29, 2005. Dylan was born 10 weeks early and spent 7 weeks in the NICU before coming home on October 17.

» **Eric '00 and Marya Van Breda Renkema '01** announce the arrival of their son, Evan William, on May 26, 2005. Evan was born 7 weeks premature and spent 4 weeks in the hospital. Address: 66 Andrews Road, Orono ON, L0B 1M0. Phone: 905-983-1051. Email: ericandmarya@hotmail.com

» **Sarah VanderLaan Timmer '99** and her husband Greg announce the arrival of Samuel Philip, born November 23, 2005, a brother for Abigail, 18 months. Greg is the pastor at First CRC of Sheldon, Iowa. Sarah is a doctoral student in theology at Marquette University. Email: sarah.timmer@marquette.edu

» **Karen Benjamins Kralt '98** and her husband Greg announce the arrival of their first child, Allison Joy, born on October 9, 2005. Email: gkkralt@yahoo.ca

» **Steven '96 and Karen Brink Jaspers-Fayer '97** have been blessed with Shannon Amaris, born September 1, a little sister for three-year-old Kendra. Address: 2542 Hopkins Rd, Ottawa, ON. K2B 7X7. Email: skfayer@yahoo.ca.

» **Ryan '01 and Hannah Byl Braam '01**, announce Ryan's ordination on November 4, 2005. He is currently

serving as pastor at Grace CRC in Welland, Ontario. Hannah is enjoying staying at home with their children Zachary (2) and Janae (6 months). Address: 54 Lea Cr, Welland, ON, L3C 7J6. Email: hrbraam@yahoo.ca.

» **Naomi Biesheuvel '03** accepted a two-year contract with Overseas Radio and Television (ortv.com) in Taiwan and moved there in September. She would appreciate your prayers as she adjusts and learns Mandarin. Address: c/o ORTV, PO Box 104-195, Taipei, Taiwan.

» **Heather Sinnema '99** and her husband Jonathan Mousley had a baby boy, Anthony Lukas Sinnema St. Hill Mousley, on October 21, 2005, in Toronto. Heather's mother is still fighting liver cancer. E-mail: hsinnema@yahoo.ca

» **Jason Zuidema '00** was ordained on October 22 for the Église Réformée St. Paul in Repentigny, Québec. He also teaches at the francophone Reformed seminary (Institut Farel) and is slated to finish his Ph.D. in church history at McGill next year. Address: 300, Blvd Iberville, Repentigny, Québec, J6A 2A5. E-mail: jason\_zuidema@hotmail.com

» **Glen and Anita Kraayenbrink Lubbers '96** announce Amber Joanne, born July 25, 2005, a little sister for Jillian and Connor. Anita is enjoying leave from her part-time job as Office Manager at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance.

» **Jim '97 and Trish Kaldewey Krale '97** have been blessed with Lucas Arend James, born July 27, 2005, a brother for Lauren and Jenna. Trish is enjoying leave from her job in the communications department at Pearson airport and Jim works as Web Content coordinator for the City of Brampton. Phone: 905-793-8546. Email: thekrales@sympatico.ca

» **Rebecca Shain Thalmann '96** and her husband Stefan announce their first child, Xaviar, born on September 13, 2005.

» **Marcia Enzlin '02** and Jeffery Horinga

will be married at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock on March 11, 2006 at 1:30. Address: RR#4 Woodstock, ON N4S 7V8. Phone: 519-424-3180. Email: m\_enzlin@hotmail.com

» **Jim '93 and Julie Anne Kooy Vanderlinde '94** were blessed with Abby Michele, born July 17, 2005. A sister for Thomas (10), Julianna (8), and Nicholas (5). Jim continues to teach at Smithville Christian High and Julie Anne is enjoying her leave from Christian Horizons. Email: julieannev@yahoo.com

» **Judith Byl Farris '03** married Allan Farris on July 16, 2005 at Ancaster CRC. Email: judith\_maria\_farris@yahoo.ca

» **Wandering spirits Brent van Staalduinen '01 and Rosalee Roth '02** were married on June 11, 2005 in Tavistock, Ontario. They are now on a two-year teaching stint at the American International School of Kuwait. Address: c/o The American International School, PO Box 3267, Salmiya 22033, Kuwait. Phone: 965-561-4143. Website: www.trivian.com/brentandrosalee. E-mail: brentandrosalee@hotmail.com.

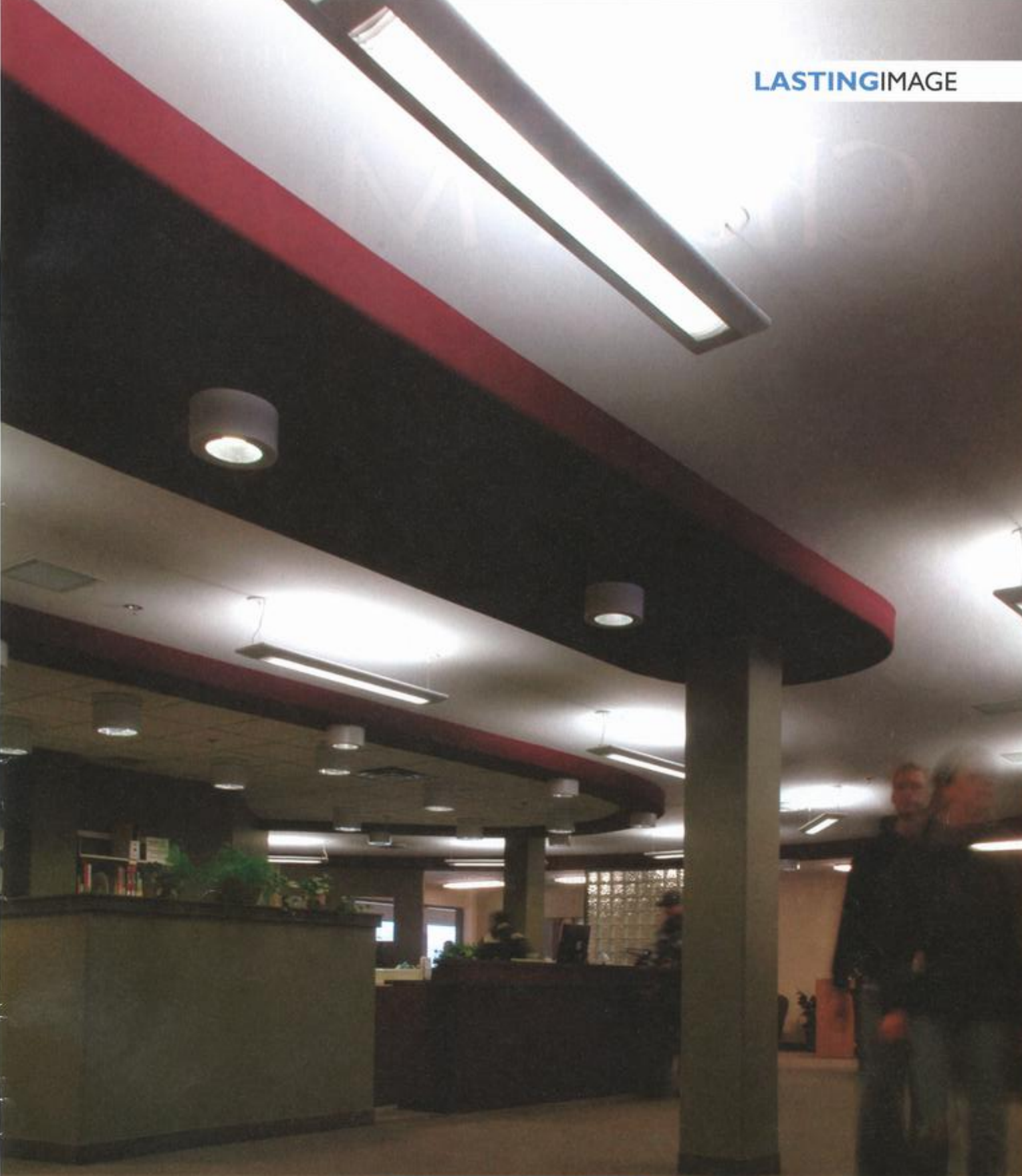
» **Rachel Flikweert Oussoren '01** and her husband Hans announce the arrival of Hannah Christina Oussoren born June 18, 2005, a sister to her three year old Jacob. Hans and Rachel are working as Youth Directors in Thunder Bay, ON. Email: h.oussoren@sympatico.ca. ■

We encourage all alumni to share with one another what is going in their lives. Whether it is a birth, wedding, job change or other significant event, send in your announcement to:

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You can also submit an announcement electronically through the Alumni web-site: [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm), or by sending an email with the details to: [alumnioffice@redeemer.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.ca).





There are two distinct sections within the Peter Turkstra Library: the stacks area, which encompasses the books and collections, two teaching labs, small group study rooms and scores of study carrels; and the reception area, pictured above, which includes the Reference and Circulation Desks, processing services, and a lounge. This design allows the reception part of the library to be a hub of student activity, while keeping the larger section as a quiet area for work and study.



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